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To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science, and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of oral health to the community.

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DON'T MISS JAN. 20 MEETING

IMPLANTS IN THE ESTHETIC ZONE

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Dr. Shannon Simons and Dr. Richard Ballard will direct NODA's execution of National Children's Dental Health Month in New Orleans and surrounding areas February 1-28.

The project, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary nationally, is one of the top *pro bono* activities of the association.

A major part of the campaign consists of visits by NODA members to schools and pre-school programs near their offices or homes, said the chairmen. Members can pick up giveaway literature and other materials by calling the NODA Office at 834-6449.

The "Adopt-a-School" program will be augmented by a wide-ranging public awareness campaign paid for by NODA. It includes large signs on the exterior of RTA buses; illustrated announcements on the screens of Galleria and Lakeside theaters; programs at Children's Hospital and Kenner's Rivertown; appearances by dentists on television shows and other projects.

Another major promotion is the annual Dental Health Seminar for Teachers and School Nurses of area schools. It will take place Friday, January 22 at LSU School of Dentistry from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

The free seminar, which always draws a large crowd of educators, will feature talks by pediatric dentistry residents and dental hygienists at LSUSD. Free teaching materials will be given out. There will be prizes and refreshments for attending teachers and nurses.

Other major events scheduled so far:

■ Feb. 2, 9 a.m. – Official opening at Louisiana Children's Hospital.

■ Feb. 6, 11 a.m. – Opening at River-town's Freeport McMoRan Daily Living Science Center which has an extensive, permanent dental exhibit.

■ Feb. 7-12 – Programs at Kingsley House in the "Irish Channel" (uptown) section of New Orleans.

■ Feb. 20, 6 p.m. – Children's Dental Health Night at the New Orleans Brass hockey game at Municipal Auditorium.

■ Feb. 23-25 – Alliance of NODA program for children at the LSU Dental School.

The larger-than-life figure, Happy Tooth, will appear at several of these functions. Free toothbrushes will be given away at the Brass game and other events, along with literature, coloring and puzzle sheets on lifetime dental care.

BY CHRIS BROWN, DDS

and the Scientific Program Committee

Teamwork Makes for Pretty Smiles!

So what's to do? She comes in with her front teeth knocked out and she doesn't play for the N.O. Brass. You know that a flipper will only make her hate you forever; so what's to do? Answer – come on down to Aud. A at LSUSD on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 (y'all thought I would write 1998, huh?)

By way of the department of periodontology at LSUSD and private practice comes Dr. Hisham Nasr to show you just what to do for the above lass.



DR. NASR

After graduating from dental school, Dr. Nasr trained in both oral surgery (master's degree) and then periodontology. He combines implant dentistry with cosmetic periodontics.

In other words, let's put the screw in the jaw, slap a crown on it and make it look so real that not even experts would know that it's a fake.

This lecture will be especially useful for anyone restoring anterior teeth. Pearls covering the dental team approach to treatment planning, stent design, emergence profile, soft-tissue enhancement and the team play between implant surgeon and restorative dentist will be presented. Then we will all retire to the foyer for some brews and socializing.

As always, one hour of CE credit will be given and a free dues drawing will be had. Sulzer-Calcitek will sponsor this lecture and they will be available for you after the presentation.

Now, what more in life could you ask for? We'll see you there!

Adopt a School in February

Here's a way you can play a part in National Children's Dental Health Month.

Call a school near your office or home. Offer to give a talk on teeth and dental care. If they ask, suggest the second or third grade. (Some schools may want to combine a couple of grades, or even include the whole school.)

Call the NODA Central Office (834-6449) to learn where you can pick up a packet of posters or other material to leave at the school. You may know a detail man who might supply you with other material – maybe even toothbrushes to give away.

If you know someone in a Parents Club, there's another speaking opportunity.

President's Message

by KENNETH G. SCHOTT, DDS

I hope the new year finds everyone safe and happy. While it may seem that things will calm down now that the holidays are over, in fact there are many activities coming up for the members of our association.

On the immediate horizon is our January general meeting featuring Dr. Hisham Nasr on implants. It will be held at LSUSD on January 20 at 7 P.M. After the meeting, we will hold our usual social. Come out, visit with old friends and colleagues, and get your first hour of continuing education for 1999.

Our February meeting will feature NODA member Dr. Mike Robichaux. He will be speaking on a subject about which he is quite passionate, running a high quality fee-for-service practice in the present managed care environment. This meeting will also honor our new members. It will be held at Carlone's Restaurant in Metairie on February 24.

As most are probably aware, the proposed ADA Public Awareness Campaign was defeated in the ADA House of Delegates. A scaled down resolution did pass the House (along with a \$10 dues increase) to make the commercials avail-

able to constituent and component societies that might be interested in running them. A meeting was held in Chicago in November to outline this program and the LDA sent a representative to that meeting.

I feel sure that some type of LDA public relations program will again be visited during the LDA Annual Meeting in March. If you have strong feelings about this issue, it is time for you to express them. Talk to one of the board members, or better yet get in touch with Dr. Guy Ribando about serving as a delegate or an alternate to the LDA House of Delegates.

The meeting this year is scheduled for Saturday, March 20. It will be held in Baton Rouge. Remember that the best way to have your association properly represent you is for you to take an active part.

Dr. Ribando will be looking for members with fresh ideas and enthusiasm when he puts his committees together for 1999. It's another chance for you to get involved. I speak from personal experience when I say, "You won't regret it."

Ken Schott

HIV declines in some groups are noted

National Cancer Institute researchers report a "striking drop" in the spread of HIV infection among young men through homosexual contact and drug use during the early 1990s.

Published in June 17 *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the NCI study found "the best available data indicate an increase in heterosexual transmission to young women, particularly young black women."

The study, conducted by Philip S. Rosenberg, PhD, and Robert J. Biggar, MD, of the National Cancer Institute, is the most detailed yet of HIV infection trends among young adults, Dr. Rosenberg said in an NCI news release. He added that it provides some insight into the effectiveness of public health efforts to battle HIV.

Drs. Biggar and Rosenberg estimated that 50 percent fewer white men aged 18 to 27 were living with HIV infection in 1993 than in 1988, NCI reported. The number of young minority men living with HIV, though, was about the same in 1988 and 1993.

But the number of black women aged 18 to 27 living with HIV infection in 1993 rose more than 60 percent from 1988, continued NCI.

As for the years since 1993, Dr. Rosenberg is optimistic that the trends showing declines in new cases of HIV attributable to homosexual contact and drug use have continued.

WATCH FOR "60 MINUTES II" SEGMENT JAN. 13

The premier of "60 Minutes II" is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 13. Although we don't yet know the broadcast date of a highly negative dental anesthesiology story, it's possible it could air during the premier.

To assist members and dental societies in responding to what we anticipate will be a very

negative story, a **reproducible patient hand-out and the ADA's statement and guidelines on anesthesia will appear in the January 11 ADA News.**

The updated anesthesia policy statement and guidelines can be found on ADA ONLINE, www.ada.org. in Education, under Education Guidelines.

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Hope you had a safe & happy holiday season and may God bless.

Francis G. Martello, D.D.S.

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NODA PROFILE

NODA News continues a series of profiles of members of all ages and various lengths of membership in the Association. You may be next! Dentists are selected at random.



Dr. Edmond C. Haase rarely appears in his volumes of travel photos, but he stood still for this one in Volendam, Holland. Dr. Haase has made 11 trips to Europe.

Dr. Haase: He's spanned the eras

It's a generation that doesn't even have a name, like "Baby Boomers," or "Generation X." It didn't stage demonstrations or "marches," except those in uniform, often toward troop ships to take them to war. Its dancing was quaintly called "cheek to cheek," but its songs are as singable as when they were written 50 years ago.

America seems to be discovering the World War II bunch. Witness the new book by TV anchorman Tom Brokaw entitled simply, "The Greatest Generation."

Dr. Edmond C. Haase, a retired life member of NODA, was smack dab in the middle of this era. And his recollections are a delight.

Today most kids are taken to school in cars or buses. Born and raised uptown, he says, "I walked to Allen Grammar School, walked to Fortier High School and walked to Loyola Dental School."

He was in the first four-year class at Fortier and in the last at Loyola to have only one year of pre-dent. Dr. Sidney Tiblier was dean of the school. Some of Dr. Haase's schoolmates were Fred Wolfe, Ed Jeansonne and L.H. Bowden, for whom the LDA's Bowden Conference is named.

Following his 1940 graduation, he spent a year at the Rochester Dental Dispensary for

Children in New York. Then it was straight into the Navy where he was a dental officer attached to the U.S. Marines in the South Pacific, operating out of New Caledonia, and Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands.

When Dr. Haase retired from the Navy as a captain in 1945, his group had received the Presidential Unit Citation and a letter of commendation from Admiral "Bull" Halsey.

"The Maison Blanche building was full, so I opened an office at Oak and Dublin streets uptown," he recalled. After about 20 years he moved to Lorino St. in Metairie. He practiced there until his retirement in 1988 after 48 years in the profession.

"It was enjoyable," says Dr. Haase. "Den-

tistry was good to me."

Now 79, Dr. Haase naturally has seen many changes in the profession. "Back during the Depression people mostly only went to the dentist when they had a toothache. Until I went to dental school I had only been in a dentist's chair three times in my life," he said.

What drew him to the profession?

"A dentist, Dr. Julius Quinius, was courting a young lady who lived next door on State St.," he recalled. "I was greatly impressed with him. The dentist and the young lady married and wound up living next to us."

Dr. Haase chuckles when he tells how dentistry was practiced in the Marines' Pacific outposts. "Our field equipment included the old foot pump chairs. We rigged up a Singer sewing machine motor so that the next patient didn't have to pump the rotor that drove the hand-piece."

Dr. Haase boxed in intramurals at Loyola and won the 126-pound championship. "Coach Tad Gormley wanted me to try to make the varsity, but the dental school folks frowned on this because of the danger to the hands."

The dentist also recalls Loyola's football days, especially the Wolfpack's near upset of Alabama the year the Crimson Tide went on to the Rose Bowl. He once held a student job painting the old wooden Loyola Stadium.

Dr. Haase is the father of a son and three daughters. He remains active as a photographer and world traveler. He frequently travels to Europe with groups led by Jim Barnage, a Nicholls State University history professor. He also has a cruise to Martinique and the Panama Canal scheduled in April.

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Thinking of selling your practice? Here's one way . . .

(from the LDA)

After many years of toiling at the chair, the dental practitioner wants to cash in on the hard work, sell the practice and use the money for retirement. Unfortunately, many are in for a rude awakening, says Philip Kempler, DMD, in the May 1998 *Composite*, newsletter of the Contra Costa (CA) Dental Society.

Dentists may be shocked that the practice isn't worth nearly what they thought, Kempler says. With the advent of HMOs and PPOs and the way market conditions have changed, the value of dental practices has fallen over the last 10 to 12 years, says Kempler. In general, he says, practices are worth 30-40 percent less than they were 15 years ago.

Dentists may also be amazed at what is involved in selling a practice. Today's buyer is well-informed and well-represented by accountants and lawyers. Worst of all, when the practice finally sells, dentists are hit by a large tax bill.

Currently, 20 percent of the sale is taxed as capital gains, the rest as ordinary income, Kempler notes. State and federal taxes usually aver-

age about 35 percent of the sale.

Kempler says dentists can avoid completely not only income taxes on the sale but estate taxes as well. The alternative is the Charitable Remainder Trust, a trust that has no yearly maintenance fees and no complicated tax returns. No administrator or a trustee is needed, Kempler says. You control the funds and receive a guaranteed income for the rest of your and your spouse's life.

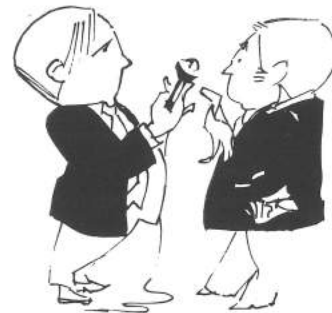
You transfer the practice to the trust, explains Kempler, then, as trustee, you sell the practice at full market value, paying no taxes. Then you can invest the proceeds in income-producing assets. When the second spouse dies, the remaining trust assets go to charity.

Not only do you receive an income, but the assets continue to grow tax free, he notes. And you get a tax deduction for donating your practice to the trust. Although this may sound too good to be true, Kempler says this is how it works - no tricks, no hidden costs, no black magic.

Kempler says it is vitally important to choose the right professionals to help manage

assets, especially a dental practice. Selling a practice involves much more than just placing an ad and finding a buyer.

A dental broker should be well-versed in all aspects of the practice sale. If your broker doesn't at least suggest alternatives to you, you're using the wrong people, says Kempler.



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“Implants in the Esthetic Zone”
Dr. Hisham Nasr

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& NEW MEMBER DINNER**
Wed., Feb. 24, 1999 – Carlone’s Restaurant
“Can We Do Well While Serving Others?”
Dr. Michael Robichaux

NODA INSTALLATION DINNER
Sat., March 27, 1999 – 7:00 pm
English Turn Golf & Country Club
Dr. Guy A. Ribando

NODA CRAWFISH BOIL
Fri., April 16, 1999 – 7:00 pm
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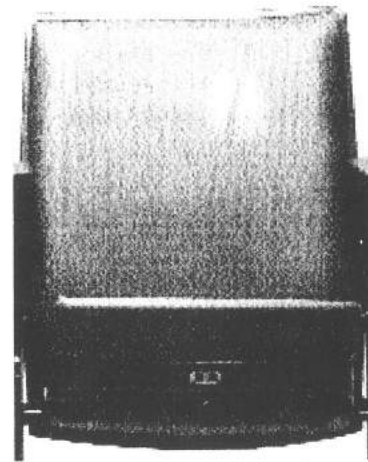
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Dental caries still a problem in certain groups of children

(from the LDA)

The decline in the prevalence of caries in this country and other developed countries has sometimes given the impression that dental caries is no longer a public health problem in children. According to James Quartey, DDS, MPH, and Shelly Seidel, dental caries in some subpopulations and in the primary teeth of U.S. children is still a major public health problem.

Writing in the *Texas Dental Journal*, January 1998, Quartey and Seidel note that the National Institute of Dental Research reported a continuing decline in caries in the permanent dentition of U.S. children, but no decline in caries was detected in the primary dentition.

The prevalence of caries in the primary teeth on 2-9 year-olds was about 38 percent in all children and 53 percent in Mexican-American children.

Nursing caries, a form of early childhood caries, affects about 5 percent of all American children. It is associated with extended and frequent exposure of the dentition to fermentable substances, such as a naptime or bedtime nursing bottle containing milk, fruit juice or other sweetened solutions.

Nursing caries is more prevalent among those less educated and among lower socioeconomic groups.

Because nursing caries is largely a preventable infectious disease that requires costly and complicated treatment, an effective and economical preventive intervention needs to be developed and instituted in high-risk populations, say the authors, and fluoride varnish is one such preventive measure.

The effectiveness of fluoride varnishes in preventing caries in primary and permanent teeth has been established in numerous trials, according to Quartey and Seidel, and the application procedure is both uncomplicated and fast.

Since less fluoride is required with this form of topical fluoride, the opportunity for ingestion is reduced, making it inherently safer than other more traditional routes of professional topical fluoride administration.

Fluoride varnishes, with their proven effectiveness in reducing the incidence of caries, their ease of application, and their semi-annual administration could provide an improved vehicle for administering topical fluoride to fight nursing caries.

The authors conclude that, while research continues on the etiology of nursing caries and better health education methods to prevent it, fluoride varnish should be added to the arsenal to defeat this preventable disease.

Committee announces nominees for '99-'00 NODA officers

The Nominating Committee of the New Orleans Dental Association has announced its slate of candidates for 1999-2000 officers and board, according to Dr. Guy A. Ribando, chairman.

Dr. James D. Roethele has been nominated as president-elect. Dr. Ribando will assume the presidency at the annual Installation Dinner Saturday, March 27 at the English Turn Golf and Country Club.

The election meeting will take place Wednesday, February 24 at Carlone's Restaurant:

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